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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1725**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Stephen BAILEY et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: 10/724,599

Examiner: G. EVANS

Filed: December 2, 2003

Docket No.: 117873

For: ELECTRO DISCHARGE MACHINING A PASSAGE USING A BACKING MEMBER  
(AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 23, 2005 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**